

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (original)**

A wale for use in bracing a retaining wall, said wale comprising:  
a back wall;  
a front wall having a channel formed therein; and  
a plurality of connecting walls connecting said back and front walls to form at least one chamber between said back wall and said front wall.

**Claim 2 (original)**

The wale of claim 1 wherein said wale is of a unitary construction and said plurality of connecting walls includes a top wall and a bottom wall, and wherein a single chamber is formed between said back wall and said front wall.

**Claim 3 (original)**

The wale of claim 1 wherein said wale is of a unitary construction and said plurality of connecting walls includes a top wall, an upper reinforcing wall, a lower reinforcing wall, and a bottom wall, and wherein a plurality of chambers are formed between said back wall and said front wall.

**Claim 4 (original)**

The wale of claim 1 wherein said wale further comprises a pultruded composite material.

**Claim 5 (original)**

The wale of claim 4 wherein said composite material is fiberglass reinforced plastic resin impregnated composite.

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Claim 6 (original)

A retaining wall wale, comprising:

- a back wall;
- a front wall having a top portion and a bottom portion interconnected by a C-shaped channel portion;
- a top wall connecting said back wall to said top portion; and
- a bottom wall connecting said back wall to said bottom portion to form a chamber between said back wall and said front wall.

Claim 7 (original)

The wale of claim 6 further comprising:

- an upper reinforcing wall and a lower reinforcing wall each connecting said back wall to at least one of said top portion, said C-shaped channel portion, and said bottom portion such that a plurality of chambers are formed between said back wall and said front wall.

Claims 8 - 27 (cancelled)